

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (Original): A composition comprising at least one hydroxystilbene and at least one polyol, wherein the weight ratio of the polyol to the hydroxystilbene is at least 150/1.

2. (Original): The composition according to claim 1, comprising a hydroxystilbene selected from the group consisting of:

- 4'-hydroxystilbene,
- 2',4'-dihydroxystilbene,
- 3',4'-dihydroxystilbene,
- 4,4'-dihydroxystilbene,
- 2',4',4-trihydroxystilbene,
- 3',4',4-trihydroxystilbene,
- 2,4,4'-trihydroxystilbene,
- 3,4,4'-trihydroxystilbene,
- 3,4',5-trihydroxystilbene,
- 2',3,4-trihydroxystilbene,
- 2,3',4-trihydroxystilbene,
- 2',2,4'-trihydroxystilbene,
- 2,4,4',5-tetrahydroxystilbene,

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- 2',3,4',5-tetrahydroxystilbene,
- 2,2',4,4'-tetrahydroxystilbene,
- 3,3',4',5-tetrahydroxystilbene,
- 2,3',4,4'-tetrahydroxystilbene,
- 3,3',4,4'-tetrahydroxystilbene,
- 3,3',4',5,5'-pentahydroxystilbene,
- 2,2',4,4',6-pentahydroxystilbene,
- 2,3',4,4',6-pentahydroxystilbene, and
- 2,2',4,4',6,6'-hexahydroxystilbene.

3. (Currently Amended): The composition according to claim 1, wherein the at least one hydroxystilbene is comprising 3,4',5-trihydroxystilbene.

4. (Original): The composition according to Claim 1, wherein at least one hydroxystilbene is present in a quantity of from 0.001% to 10% by weight, with respect to the total weight of the composition.

5. (Original): The composition according to Claim 1, comprising a polyol selected from the group consisting of glycerine, a glycol, polyethylene glycol and their mixtures.

6. (Original): The composition according to Claim 5, comprising a polyol selected from the group consisting of polyethylene glycol, butylene-1,3-glycol and 5-[2-(4-

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hydroxyphenyl)vinyl]benzene-1,3-diol.

7. (Original): The composition according to Claim 1, further comprising a C₁-C₆, alkanol.
8. (Original): The composition according to claim 7, wherein the alkanol represents up to 10% by weight of the total weight of the composition.
9. (Original): The composition according to Claim 1, wherein said composition is in the form of an emulsion of the oil-in-water type or the water-in-oil type, a nanoemulsion, a microemulsion, an aqueous gel, an anhydrous gel, a solution, or a multiple emulsion.
10. (Original): The composition according to claim 1, wherein said composition is in the form of an oil-in-water emulsion formed of oily globules provided with a lamellar liquid crystal coating dispersed in an aqueous phase.
11. (Original): The composition according to claim 10, wherein the oily globules have an average diameter of less than 500 nanometers.
12. (Original): The composition according to claim 10, wherein the lamellar liquid crystal coating is a monolamellar or oligolamellar layer obtained from at least one lipophilic surface-active agent, at least one hydrophilic surface-active agent, and at least one fatty acid.

13. (Original): The composition according to Claim 10, wherein the aqueous phase comprises the hydroxystilbene and the polyol in the dissolved state.
14. (Original): The composition according to Claim 1, further comprising an oily phase, the oily phase comprising an animal, plant, mineral, silicone, fluorinated and/or synthetic oil.
15. (Original): The composition according to Claim 14, wherein the oily phase further comprises at least one fatty alcohol or at least one fatty acid and at least one surface-active agent.
16. (Original): The composition according to Claim 1, further comprising at least one adjuvant selected from the group consisting of preservatives, perfumes, fillers, UV filters, and skin-care agents.
17. (Original): A method comprising mixing at least one hydroxystilbene with at least one polyol in a weight ratio of polyol to hydroxystilbene of at least 150/1.
18. (Currently Amended): A method for the preparation of an oil-in-water emulsion comprising:
- mixing with agitation an oily phase ~~containing~~ comprising a lipophilic surface-active agent, a hydrophilic surface-active agent and a fatty acid with an aqueous phase comprising a basic agent, a polyol, and a hydroxystilbene, and
 - homogenizing the mixture obtained from the first step;

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wherein the weight ratio of polyol to hydroxystilbene is at least 150/1.

19. (Original): The method according to Claim 18, wherein homogenization is achieved either using pressures of between 200 and 1000 bars, or by ultrasound, or by use of homogenizers fitted with a rotor-stator head.

20. (Currently Amended): A method, comprising applying the composition of Claim 1 to the skin in an amount effective to treat ~~and/or prevent~~ signs of ageing.

21. (New): The composition according to Claim 1, further comprising a retinoid.

22. (New): The composition according to Claim 1, further comprising a vitamin.

23. (New): A composition comprising at least one hydroxystilbene and a hydroxystilbene solubilizing effective amount of at least one polyol.

24. (New): The composition according to claim 23, comprising a hydroxystilbene selected from the group consisting of:

- 4'-hydroxystilbene,
- 2',4'-dihydroxystilbene,
- 3',4'-dihydroxystilbene,
- 4,4'-dihydroxystilbene,

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- 2',4',4'-trihydroxystilbene,
- 3',4',4'-trihydroxystilbene,
- 2,4,4'-trihydroxystilbene,
- 3,4,4'-trihydroxystilbene,
- 3,4',5-trihydroxystilbene,
- 2',3,4-trihydroxystilbene,
- 2,3',4-trihydroxystilbene,
- 2',2,4'-trihydroxystilbene,
- 2,4,4',5-tetrahydroxystilbene,
- 2',3,4',5-tetrahydroxystilbene,
- 2,2',4,4'-tetrahydroxystilbene,
- 3,3',4',5-tetrahydroxystilbene,
- 2,3',4,4'-tetrahydroxystilbene,
- 3,3',4,4'-tetrahydroxystilbene,
- 3,3',4',5,5'-pentahydroxystilbene,
- 2,2',4,4',6-pentahydroxystilbene,
- 2,3',4,4',6-pentahydroxystilbene, and
- 2,2',4,4',6,6'-hexahydroxystilbene.

25. (New): The composition according to claim 23, wherein the at least one hydroxystilbene is 3,4',5-trihydroxystilbene.

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26. (New): The composition according to Claim 23, wherein at least one hydroxystilbene is present in a quantity of from 0.001% to 10% by weight, with respect to the total weight of the composition.
27. (New): The composition according to Claim 23, comprising a polyol selected from the group consisting of glycerine, a glycol, polyethylene glycol and their mixtures.
28. (New): The composition according to Claim 27, comprising a polyol selected from the group consisting of polyethylene glycol, butylene-1,3-glycol and 5-[2-(4-hydroxyphenyl)vinyl]benzene-1,3-diol.
29. (New): The composition according to Claim 23, further comprising a C₁-C₆, alkanol.
30. (New): The composition according to claim 29, wherein the alkanol represents up to 10% by weight of the total weight of the composition.
31. (New): The composition according to Claim 23, wherein said composition is in the form of an emulsion of the oil-in-water type or the water-in-oil type, a nanoemulsion, a microemulsion, an aqueous gel, an anhydrous gel, a solution, or a multiple emulsion.
32. (New): The composition according to claim 23, wherein said composition is in the form of an oil-in-water emulsion formed of oily globules provided with a lamellar liquid crystal coating

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dispersed in an aqueous phase.

33. (New): The composition according to claim 32, wherein the oily globules have an average diameter of less than 500 nanometers.

34. (New): The composition according to claim 32, wherein the lamellar liquid crystal coating is a monolamellar or oligolamellar layer obtained from at least one lipophilic surface-active agent, at least one hydrophilic surface-active agent, and at least one fatty acid.

35. (New): The composition according to Claim 32, wherein the aqueous phase comprises the hydroxystilbene and the polyol in the dissolved state.

36. (New): The composition according to Claim 23, further comprising an oily phase, the oily phase comprising an animal, plant, mineral, silicone, fluorinated and/or synthetic oil.

37. (New): The composition according to Claim 36, wherein the oily phase further comprises at least one fatty alcohol or at least one fatty acid and at least one surface-active agent.

38. (New): The composition according to Claim 23, further comprising at least one adjuvant selected from the group consisting of preservatives, perfumes, fillers, UV filters, and skin-care agents.

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39. (New): A method comprising mixing at least one hydroxystilbene with a hydroxystilbene solubilizing effective amount of at least one polyol.
40. (New): A method, comprising applying the composition of Claim 23 to the skin in an amount effective to treat signs of ageing.
41. (New): The composition according to Claim 23, further comprising a retinoid.
42. (New): The composition according to Claim 23, further comprising a vitamin.